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To: History/Social Science Committee

RE: Latino History Missing from Draft Framework for History/Social Science

My name is Lillian Castillo-Speed and I am the Chicano Studies Librarian at the University of California at Berkeley. I am also the Head Librarian of the Ethnic Studies Library. Students at the college level conduct research in our library about the beginnings of the Chicano Movement. Some are especially interested in the East Los Angeles high school walkouts in the late 1960s. Students in those high schools demanded that they see themselves in the history they were being taught. From their frustration and their bravery came the establishment of Chicano resource centers and libraries and textbooks that at least mentioned the presence of their ancestors in California in a more positive manner. It appears that we have come to another period of exclusion and frustration and it is time to re-affirm the efforts of the 1960s by including information about the political history and conditions since then. I urge you to include this information in a revised framework for History/Social Science.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lillian Castillo-Speed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Speed" being particularly prominent.

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